

Janice C. Robinson as Director of the Office of Inter-parliamentary Affairs of the United States House of Representatives. **Page H6355**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:34 p.m. and reconvened at 3:34 p.m. **Page H6366**

Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules: The House agreed to H. Res. 409, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 722, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 240 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 721. **Pages H6366–74**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 411, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H6376**

Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts on the Nation Act of 2011: The House began consideration of H.R. 2401, to require analyses of the cumulative and incremental impacts of certain rules and actions of the Environmental Protection Agency. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H6360–66, H6374–89**

H. Res. 406, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 245 yeas to 175 noes, Roll No. 724, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 723. **Pages H6374–75**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:41 p.m. **Page H6389**

Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011: The House concurred in the Senate amendment with an amendment to H.R. 2608, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, by a recorded vote of 219 yeas to 203 noes, Roll No. 727. **Pages H6389–H6410**

H. Res. 412, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 726, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 725. **Pages H6398–99**

Directing the Clerk to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2608: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 81, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2608. **Pages H6410–11**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6355.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 17 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and S. 633 was referred to the Committee on Small Business. **Page H6355**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6373–74, H6374, H6374–75, H6375, H6398–99, H6399 and H6410. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:50 a.m. on Friday, September 23rd.

Committee Meetings

AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Afghan national security forces. Testimony was heard from Michèle Flournoy, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Robert B. Neller, Director for Operations, J–3, Joint Staff.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform held a hearing on the Department of Defense's efforts to improve payment and funds control. Testimony was heard from Mark Easton, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense; Daniel Blair, Deputy Inspector General for Auditing, Department of Defense; and Asif Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Future of U.S. Special Operations Forces: Ten Years After 9/11 and Twenty-Five Years After Goldwater-Nichols. Testimony was heard from Michael D. Lumpkin, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict; and Admiral William McRaven, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

BUDGET PROCESS

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Broken Budget Process: Perspectives from Budget Experts." Testimony was heard from former Sen. Phil Gramm; former Rep. Jim Nussle; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled "Culture of

Union Favoritism: Recent Actions of the National Labor Relations Board.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Regulatory Reform Series #7—The EPA’s Regulatory Planning, Analysis, and Major Actions.” Testimony was heard from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

CREDIT FOR CONSUMERS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled “An Examination of the Availability of Credit for Consumers.” Testimony was heard from Barry Wides, Deputy Comptroller for Community Affairs, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and Robert Mooney, Deputy Director for Consumer Protection and Community Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and public witnesses.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Financial Services and the Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a joint hearing entitled “Potential Conflicts of Interest at the SEC: The Becker Case.” Testimony was heard from Mary Schapiro, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission; H. David Kotz, Inspector General, Securities and Exchange Commission; and David M. Becker, former General Counsel, Securities and Exchange Commission.

HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing entitled “Axis of Abuse: U.S. Human Rights Policy toward Iran and Syria, Part II.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINA’S ONE-CHILD POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights held a hearing entitled “China’s One-Child Policy: The Government’s Massive Crime Against Women and Unborn Babies.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TSA REFORM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “TSA Reform: Exploring Innovations in Technology Procurement to Stimulate Job Growth.” Testimony was

heard from Stephen M. Lord, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following: H.R. 2852, the “Action Plan for Public Lands and Education Act of 2011”; and legislation regarding the “National Forest County Revenue, Schools, and Jobs Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from Harris Sherman, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Ron Walter, Commissioner, Chelan County; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska; H.R. 444, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; H.R. 1461, to authorize the Mescalero Apache Tribe to lease adjudicated water rights; H.R. 1556, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to allow certain land to be used to generate income to provide funding for academic programs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2444, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Rep. Luján; Rep. Pearce; Jodi Gillette, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Robert McSwain, Deputy Director for Management Operations, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 1719, the “Endangered Species Compliance and Transparency Act of 2011”; and H.R. 2915, the “American Taxpayer and Western Area Power Administration Customer Protection Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from Lauren Azar, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

GREEN ENERGY AGENDA

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “How Obama’s Green Energy Agenda Is Killing Jobs.” Testimony

was heard from Hilda Solis, Secretary, Department of Labor; Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary of Energy, Department of Energy; and Keith Hall, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM EXTENSION AND REFORM ACT OF 2011 (CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, 2012)

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2608, the “Small Business Program Extension and Reform Act of 2011” (Continuing Appropriations, 2012). The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 4, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2608. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, as modified by the amendment printed in Part B of the report. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion. The rule provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

NASA

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “NASA Human Spaceflight Past, Present, and Future: Where Do We Go from Here?” Testimony was heard from Neil A. Armstrong, Commander, Apollo 11; Captain Eugene A. Cernan USN (ret.), Commander, Apollo 17; and public witnesses.

ENERGY POLICY AND TAX POLICY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures and Subcommittee on Oversight held a joint hearing on the intersection of energy policy and tax policy, with a focus on the dual priorities of comprehensive tax reform and a sustainable energy policy that addresses our economic, security, and environmental needs. Testimony was heard from J. Russell George, Inspector General, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Richard E. Byrd, Jr., Commissioner, Wage and Investment Division, Internal Revenue Service; and public witnesses.

INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing of ongoing intelligence activities. This was a closed hearing.

Joint Meetings

REVENUE OPTION AND REFORMING THE TAX CODE

Joint Deficit Reduction Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an overview of revenue options and reforming the tax code, after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Barthold, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Taxation.

RUSSIA’S UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission received a briefing on Russia’s upcoming elections and the struggle for public and competitive politics from Leon Aron, American Enterprise Institute, Ariel Cohen, Heritage Foundation, and Vladimir Kara-Murza, Solidarity, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Corinne Ann Beckwith, and Catharine Friend Easterly, both to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Ronald David McCray, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, 10 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Arlington Cemetery Reforms, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Examining the Increase in Drug Shortages.” 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “From DOE Loan Guarantee to Bankruptcy to FBI Raid: What Solyndra’s Executives Knew.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Job Creation Made Easy: The Columbia, Panama, and South Korea Free Trade Agreement.” 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, hearing to review the impact of minimum wage increases in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 9 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled “The Department of Defense: Challenges in Financial Management.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.